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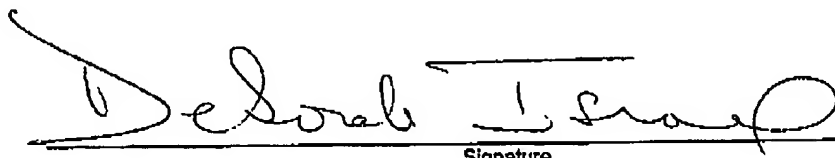
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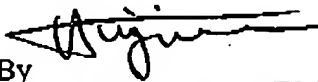
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Applicants enclose herewith the copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report.

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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PCT/EP2004/010911

Box No. I Basis of the opinion

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 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-15
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-15
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-15
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations**see separate sheet**

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International application No.

PCT/EP2004/010911

- D1: WO 03/050305 A (SEEGENE INC ;CHUN JONG-YOON (KR)) 19 June 2003 (2003-06-19)
- D2: US-B1-6 238 884 (FREY GERHARD JOHANN ET AL) 29 May 2001 (2001-05-29)
- D3: "RECOMBINANT DNA" METHODS IN ENZYMOLOGY, ACADEMIC PRESS INC, SAN DIEGO, CA, US, vol. 155, 1987, pages 555-569, XP002929872 ISSN: 0076-6879

Novelty (Article 33.2 PCT) and inventive step (Article 33.3 PCT)

Having regard to the cited prior art the claimed process for sequence saturation mutagenesis (SeSaM) is considered novel. The claimed matter also comprises the required inventive step since the defined process features of claim 1 were not derivable in an obvious manner from the cited prior art documents.